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MEMORANDUM TO:

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Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. R. John Theriault
Liaison Office
Intelligence Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Swedish Embassy Request in
Wallenberg Case

Here is yet another request from the Swedish
Embassy concerning the Raoul Wallenberg Case. We
would appreciate your having checked the names
mentioned in the attached memorandum, so that
Mr. Thompson can inform the Swedish Embassy accordingly.

Emerson Brown

IP - None identifiable

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TO: INR/DDC - Mr. Brown
FROM: EUR/NE - Richard S. Thompson *RT*
SUBJECT: Raoul Wallenberg Case: Whereabouts of
Alexander Protassov-Ringer

The Swedish Embassy has again approached us in relation to the Swedish Government's effort to track down every possible bit of information about Raoul Wallenberg.

In February 1979 Abraham Kalinski (a former inmate of Soviet prison camps now in Israel) was approached by a Soviet emigre named Alexander Protassov-Ringer, who stated that in 1978 he had attended a party in Moscow at the apartment of a high-ranking KGB officer and it was mentioned at this party (by whom it is not known) that a Swede had been incarcerated for a very long time in the Soviet Union. The only such person known to the Swedish Government is Raoul Wallenberg.

Sometime since February 1979 Protassov-Ringer has left Israel without informing Kalinski of where he was going. The Swedish Government has tried to locate him through Simon Wiesenthal and through HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) but without success. Protassov is not Jewish, and apparently added Ringer to his name when he married a Russian Jew of that name. Thus he may or may not have continued to use Ringer as part of his last name.

Abraham Kalinski believes Protassov is now in the United States living under an assumed name. The Swedish Government would like if possible to locate him and interview him.

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While recognizing it is difficult to find anyone who might be in the United States under an assumed name with no other information than is known in this case, it would be appreciated if you could check with appropriate agencies to see if anything could be learned. At a minimum it might be possible to learn if relevant files have any information about an Alexander Protasov or Alexander Protasov-Ringer.

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